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GUERIN PREP OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO “ESCAPE THE ORDINARY”

Guerin Prep High School’s fourth annual Big Event on Saturday, March 5, 2011, offers attendees the opportunity to escape the ordinary and the winter blahs while helping to raise money to support the mission of the Catholic school.

The event, open to adults 21 and older, will be held at the school, 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

“The beauty of our event is that there is something for everyone,” explained Janis Ryan, coordinator for the event. Titled “Escape the Ordinary” this year’s event boasts an international theme. “Event-goers will be given a passport at the door,” said Ryan, “and are invited to collect stamps at the various entertainment venues making them eligible for an iPodtouch door prize.”

In carrying out the international theme, the school’s foyer will be transformed into a Monte Carlo venue with poker, black-jack, roulette wheel and other games.

A Mardi Gras-New Orleans theme will be carried out in the school’s gym where Guerin Prep’s jazz band will perform for part of the evening followed by a D.J., bags, darts and trivia tournaments and GP’s own Blue and Green Man Group.

Guerin Prep faculty and staff will host the now traditional chocolate lovers’ room, located in the French Café Guerin, where Synchronicity, Guerin Prep’s select string ensemble, will provide music to eat by, followed by a new attraction this year, “Music for You by Frank Sinatra” aka Anthony Cassano, HC ’82.

Big Event—add one

Another of the school's alumni, Pat Musker MTG '75, will be back in the Irish Pub Comedy Room as Roxy Bellows.

Food donated and prepared by local restaurants and caterers will be available in abundance, including Elmcrest Banquets. Polish, Italian and Mexican food are among the featured items. All food and desserts are included in the ticket price. Cash bars will be available throughout the event.

Event-goers will be able to purchase "Win Big" raffle tickets to compete for two cash prizes and a 52" HDTV as well as bid on raffle baskets and silent auction items, among them Cubs and Sox tickets, a ThinkPad computer and a stay at the James Hotel.

Sponsors include LaSalle Capital Group, Greenola, Neighbors Newspaper, First Security Trust and Savings Bank, 36th Ward Alderman John A. Rice, Manor Press, and Rosemont Mayor Bradley A. Stephens. Additional sponsors and benefactors are being sought.

Details about The Big Event are available at www.gpbigevent.com. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$50 at the door. They may be purchased online or by calling Janis Ryan at 708-437-4734. There is no charge for admission to the Vegas-venue only.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Annual Fund of Guerin Prep High School, helping to keep tuition affordable for all who wish to attend. Guerin Prep is a Catholic college preparatory secondary school for young men and women.

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